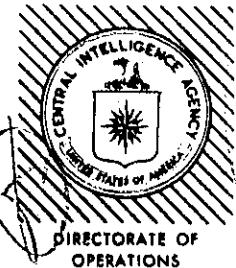


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**COUNTRY** ARGENTINA/CUBA

**SUBJECT** BELIEF [Redacted] THAT A RIGHTIST GROUP  
KIDNAPPED THE TWO CUBAN EMBASSY EMPLOYEES.

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EMBASSY OFFICIALS NOW TEND TO BELIEVE THAT THE TWO CUBANS MAY WELL HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY AN ARGENTINE RIGHTIST GROUP WHICH WANTED TO CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED]

THE RIGHTIST GROUP, WHILE POSSIBLY OFFICIALLY CONNECTED, MAY NONETHELESS BE OPPOSED TO POLICIES OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, AND THEREFORE KIDNAPPED THE CUBANS TO CAUSE DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS FOR THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT BY BRINGING ABOUT FRICTION BETWEEN CUBA AND ARGENTINA. EO25x1

[REDACTED] CUBAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE TWO CUBANS ARE ALIVE BUT THAT THEY HAVE PROBABLY BEEN ROUGHED UP AND WILL BE SET FREE WHEN THEY ARE IN BETTER CONDITION. [REDACTED]

THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR CONSIDERS THE INCIDENT TO BE SERIOUS AND HOLDS THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TWO CUBANS. THE AMBASSADOR HAS ASSERTED THAT IF THE TWO CUBAN EMPLOYEES DO NOT APPEAR ALIVE AND WELL, A BREAK IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND ARGENTINA COULD WELL OCCUR. [REDACTED]

REPORTS ALLEGING THE DEFECTION OF THE TWO CUBANS WERE COMPLETELY FALSE, AS THERE WERE WITNESSES TO THEIR HAVING BEEN FORCEFULLY TAKEN.

2. [REDACTED] A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CUBANS, AN ARGENTINE MAID OF A CUBAN OFFICIAL DISAPPEARED.

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SHE IS STILL MISSING AND PRESUMED BY THE CUBANS TO BE DEAD.

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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA

SUBJECT: REPORT [Redacted] DISCUSSING

THE LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE SITUATION DURING THE

PERIOD 19-26 AUGUST 1976; PRESS CONFERENCE

OF THE MONTONEROS

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[ ] WHICH DISCUSSES THE LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE SITUATION FOR  
THE PERIOD 19-26 AUGUST 1976. ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT,  
THE MONTONEROS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON 19 AUGUST 1976  
OF FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS IN ARGENTINA IN WHICH THE  
MONTONERO REPRESENTATIVES INFORMED THE PARTICIPANTS THAT  
IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE THE MONTONEROS WOULD BE  
CONCENTRATING ON PROPAGANDA/PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS WITH  
LESS ATTENTION DIRECTED AT MILITANT ACTIVITIES. THE  
MONTONEROS ASSURED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE,  
BUT THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS IN NO HURRY AND WOULD WORK  
BEHIND THE SCENES TO GRADUALLY STRENGTHEN ITS SUPPORT. THE  
MONTONEROS STATED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE "PLAN OF HUNGER,  
GRIEF AND UNEMPLOYMENT" OF JOSE MARTINEZ DE HOZ,  
*Drg*  
MINISTER OF ECONOMY, CONDITIONS WERE SUCH THAT PROPAGANDA/  
PSYCHOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES WERE TACTICALLY THE APPROPRIATE  
COURSE AT PRESENT FOR THE MONTONEROS TO PURSUE, AND NOT  
GREAT MILITARY OPERATIONS.

2. [ ] CONDITIONS IN ARGENTINA ARE  
SUCH THAT FOR THE MONTONEROS TO CONCENTRATE ON PROPAGANDA  
ACTIVITIES AND QUIETLY BUILD UP STRENGTH IS THE BEST

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TACTIC, HOWEVER, [REDACTED] THIS COURSE  
MAY HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE MONTONEROS BECAUSE OF THE  
LOSSES, PARTICULARLY IN ITS LOGISTIC APPARATUS, WHICH THE  
MONTONEROS HAVE SUFFERED, AS WELL AS A LOWERING OF MORALE  
AMONG THE RANKS AS A RESULT OF THE COUNTERSUBVERSIVE CAMPAIGN.

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3, [REDACTED] THE PROCEDURE BY WHICH THE  
MONTONEROS ORGANIZED THE PRESS CONFERENCE, [REDACTED]  
FIRST A CALL WAS MADE TO THE CORRESPONDENT AT HIS OFFICE  
OR HOME ASKING IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A  
PRESS CONFERENCE OF THE MONTONEROS. IF THE CORRESPONDENT

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ACCEPTED, HE WAS ADVISED THAT HE MUST OBEY IN DETAIL A SERIES OF SECURITY MEASURES OR HE WOULD BE KILLED. THE MONTONEROS THEN MADE A SECOND CALL TO THE CORRESPONDENT AT A PHONE NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE LATTER DURING THE FIRST CONVERSATION. THIS SECOND CALL TOOK PLACE SHORTLY BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD, AND THE CORRESPONDENT WAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. THE CORRESPONDENT WAS TOLD TO GO TO A SPECIFIC AREA ON A DESIGNATED STREET AND CARRY A FOLDED MAGAZINE IN HIS LEFT HAND. PER PREARRANGEMENT, A PERSON APPROACHED AND ASKED THE CORRESPONDENT FOR THE TIME. THE LATTER STATED A TIME MORE OR LESS AN HOUR AHEAD OF WHAT WAS THE ACTUAL TIME, AND THE MONTONERO RESPONDED WITH THE COUNTERSIGN "ALL RIGHT". THE CORRESPONDENT WAS THEN TAKEN TO A NEARBY AUTOMOBILE AND WAS TRANSPORTED BLINDFOLDED TO THE SITE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT TEN MONTONEROS AND TOOK PLACE AT A PRIVATE HOME IN THE VILLA DEL PARQUE SECTION OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL. NEITHER THE NUMBER NOR IDENTITY OF THE CORRESPONDENTS WHO ATTENDED IS KNOWN [REDACTED]

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4. OTHER THAN THE MONTONERO PRESS CONFERENCE, THE  
[REDACTED] OVERALL LEFTIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY DURING  
THE 19-26 AUGUST PERIOD REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL  
AS THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. [REDACTED] THE  
"GUEVARIST YOUTH", WHICH IS THE YOUTH ELEMENT OF THE  
"PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY/REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY"  
(ERP/PRT), CONTINUED AS IN PREVIOUS WEEKS WITH A PROPAGANDA  
CAMPAIGN, PARTICULARLY IN THE LA PLATA, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE,

[REDACTED] POSSIBILITY THAT THE "GUEVARIST  
YOUTH" MAY ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE AND BECOME THE FOREFRONT  
OF THE REMNANTS OF THE ERP/PRT. [REDACTED] IN

A RECENT ISSUE OF "EL COMBATIENTE", THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
OF THE PRT, THE PRT STATES THAT THUS FAR THE SUBVERSIVE  
STRUGGLE OF THE ERP/PRT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED ON THREE  
PILLARS--A MARXIST-LENINIST POLITICAL PARTY TO COORDINATE  
AND DIRECT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLE, A POPULAR GUERRILLA  
ARMY AND A NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PRT HAS RECENTLY ADDED "INTERNATIONAL  
SOLIDARITY" AS A FOURTH PILLAR, CLAIMING THAT NO SUBVERSIVE  
MOVEMENT CAN BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

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